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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following closures for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation project on the Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from the Orange County line to Paramount Boulevard. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, each night, Thursday, October 7 through Saturday, October 16 for placing barriers, pile driving, striping, and pavement replacement. At least one lane will be open to traffic at all times.

Weekend Schedule: Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8: Eastbound Route 91:

- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Norwalk Boulevard on-ramp.
- 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. Bloomfield Avenue off-ramp.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. One lane from Norwalk Boulevard to Bloomfield Avenue offramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Northbound and southbound Pioneer Boulevard on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Norwalk Boulevard off-ramp.

Westbound Route 91:

- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Northbound and southbound I-605 connectors to westbound SR-91.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Northbound Pioneer Boulevard on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. Pioneer Boulevard off-ramp to Gridley Road.
- 12:01 a.m. until 7 a.m. One lane from Studebaker Road to I-605 connector.

Eastbound Route 91:

Nightly, Tuesday, October 12 through Friday, October 15:

- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Downey Avenue to Woodruff Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Northbound and southbound Lakewood Boulevard on-ramps. -MORE-



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Eastbound Route 91: (Continued) Nightly, Tuesday, October 12 through Friday, October 15:

- 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (DAILY) and 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Clark Avenue on-ramp.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.

Friday, October 15 until Saturday, October 16:

- 9 p.m. until 11 a.m. HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Downey Avenue to Woodruff Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until noon Northbound and southbound Lakewood Boulevard on-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until noon Bellflower Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (DAILY) and 7 p.m. until noon Clark Avenue on-ramp.

Westbound Route 91:

Nightly, Tuesday, October 12 through Friday, October 15:

- 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from the I-605 connector to Downey Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Northbound and southbound I-605 connectors to westbound SR-91.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Clark Avenue off-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.(DAILY)

Friday, October 15 until Saturday, October 16:

- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from the I-605 connector to Downey Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until noon Northbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 9 p.m. until 8 a.m. Southbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 8 p.m. until 10 a.m. Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until noon Clark Avenue off-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.(DAILY)

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Route 91, one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced. The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. This project began construction in spring 2003, and the final stage of the HOV portion will be completed in spring 2005.

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